

HUNTED HEROES

THRILLING READING

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THE HERO

One day *Richard Hannay* called himself the "best-bored man in the United Kingdom;" the next he was the best-pursued.

Read *THE THIRTY-NINE STEPS* by John Buchan.

Miss Watson's Jim was running away from the slave trader; *Huck Finn* was escaping his drunken pa.

Read *THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN*
by Samuel L. Clemens.

Ralph wished that the painted savages would leave him alone; but they were after him, calling for blood—*his* blood.

Read *LORD OF THE FLIES* by William G. Golding.

Visiting Earth for an anniversary celebration of space flight, squadron leader *Jay Birrel* is pursued by paralyzing sonic beams.

Read *BATTLE FOR THE STARS* by Edmond Hamilton.

Martin is simply a university lecturer on holiday until he comes upon a corpse in an English cove.

Read *A WALK INTO MURDER* by Peter Helm.

He was a *wealthy British sportsman* hunting the biggest game on earth, and then he became the quarry.

Read *ROGUE MALE* by Geoffrey Household.

THE HUNT

"There was not a sign or sound of a human being, only the plashing water and the interminable crying of curlews, Yet, oddly enough, for the first time I felt the terror of the hunted on me."

"I landed, and slopped through the timber and up the ridge and into the cavern. There Jim laid, sound asleep on the ground. I roused him out and says: 'Git up and hump yourself, Jim! There ain't a minute to lose. They're after us!'"

"He forgot his wounds, his hunger and thirst, and became fear; hopeless fear on flying feet."

"He still did not move. He waited. A series of small sounds began in the back of the house, just vaguely audible through the blanket-folds."

"I dropped flat on the ground, trapped and terrified. I had no doubt now as to the purpose of the 'beaters' who must be still advancing, slowly and inexorably, up the farther side of the hill."

"I turned round and peered through the gorse. He was racing silently down the slope towards me. He had decoyed me into the corner of two hedges, from which there was no escape."

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A former British intelligence officer and a fanatic murderer stalk each other in the Sussex countryside.

Read WATCHER IN THE SHADOWS by Geoffrey Household.

Karl Maurer was more than a corporal in the Luftwaffe, much more.

"I dared not move so much as a coat sleeve in case he was within a couple of yards of me."

"The moonlight dappled the park around him with moving tracery as the breeze swayed the boughs of the lindens and chestnuts...He darted from the shadow of the wall to the nearest tree, paused, and then on to another, just as they used to play Red Indians in the Tiergarten at Berlin."

Read CALL IT TREASON by George L. Howe.

Wherever he hides, whatever name he calls himself, *Jean Valjean* cannot escape the dogged pursuit of police detective Javert.

"The mud now came up to his knees, and the water to his waist. He could no longer turn back. He sank in deeper and deeper."

Read LES MISÉRABLES by Victor Hugo.

Young American *Hugh Logan* travels to a storm-washed island in the Hebrides to find out the mystery of Carnglass.

"For twenty minutes more, he crouched at the summit, the fog slowly shutting off his view of harbor and New House and Old House. Then, carefully, he began the slippery descent."

Read OLD HOUSE OF FEAR by Russell Kirk.

They did not appear to be agents or spies, just innocent travelers—an *Oxford don* and his wife.

"They looked at each other, trying to hide the dismay in their hearts. To their left was the open mountain rising steeply; to their right, over the high bank with its crags and bushes, lay the landslide...They were neatly trapped."

Read ABOVE SUSPICION by Helen MacInnes.

Michael Reynold's assignment is to lure a British scientist out of Budapest, but first he must evade the Hungarian secret police.

"The snow—apart from shrouding him in the protective anonymity of its white cocoon—also muffled every noise, reducing even the sound of his footfalls to the merest whisper. A night for a hunter, Reynolds thought grimly."

Read THE SECRET WAYS by Alistair MacLean.

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Mid the sand and gorse of his Devon cliffs, *Jim Davis* happens upon a smugglers' cave and trouble.

Read JIM DAVIS by John Masfield.

Ex-intelligence agent *Rees* courts a coffin when he heads into the passes of Kashmir.

Read THE PASS BEYOND KASHMIR by Berkely Mather, pseud.

Under the very noses of the Terrorists, *the Scarlet Pimpemel* and his band helped frantic French aristocrats escape the guillotine.

Read THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL by Baroness Emmuska Orczy.

Dashing *André-Louis Moreau* is doubly pursued—by the King's Lieutenant for sedition and by the police of Paris for murder.

Read SCARAMOUCHE by Rafael Sabatini.

Witness to murder, *Mark Langley* must hide out and accept the help of a girl.

Read THE MOON-SPINNERS by Mary Stewart.

While agent *Pierre Cavell* tracked a killer and a killer-virus, someone tracked Pierre.

Read THE SATAN BUG by Ian Stuart, pseud.

THE HUNT

"Then they passed out of earshot, leading their horses. I was so horribly scared that I was almost beside myself. What could I do? Where could I go? Where could I hide?"

"Then they came into sight—blurred shadows against the greying snow. One of them yelled as he picked up our tracks."

"The guards at the gates had been doubled, the sergeants in command had been threatened with death, whilst liberal rewards were offered for the capture of these daring and impudent Englishmen."

"He beheld a party of seven horsemen in the blue coats with red facing of the *maréchaussée*. Not for a moment did he doubt what was the quarry of this prowling gendarmerie. It was as if the chill shadow of the gallows had fallen suddenly upon him."

"We lay as still as stones. A long, heart-shaking minute passed...Encouraged by our stillness, a small brown snake crept out from the rock a few feet away...I hardly noticed; there was room for no more fear."

"Fifty feet away he stopped, and even in the gloom I could see the white glimmer of his teeth as he smiled. He had seen how it was with me, that I was trapped and quite at his mercy."

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As a hated, hunted Slan, *Jommy Cross* knew that he might be shot on sight.

THE HUNT

"Fear came rushing in to him as he breasted the throngs that washed in and out of the sky-scraper department store; abnormal, exaggerated fear."

Read SLAN by Alfred E. Van Vogt.

Roger and Kate Starte slip into the forbidden mountain passes of Eastern Serbia.

"Switching off the engine I looked nervously about, my ears straining for sounds of human activity."

Read THE BORDERS OF BARBARISM by Eric E. Williams.
